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Title: Composition and Method for Use in Cartilage Affecting Compositions

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement (4 pages) to be entered in the above referenced Application.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated June 20, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-33 are subject to a restriction and election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required the restriction of the claims in this application to three Groups:

Group I - Claims 1-16, drawn to a method of increasing the flexibility of cartilage in an animal comprising administering to said animal a cartilage flexibility enhancing effective amount of at least one glycine and proline, classified in class 514, subclass 54.

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